

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended). A clear gel composition useful for skin care and protection comprising:

~~34.1%~~ 30% to 80% w/w actual Dead Sea water ~~having a total dissolved salt value between 25% and 40% and having an ion composition comprising:~~

~~about 36,000 to 40,000 mg/l Calcium,~~

~~about 320,000 to 370,000 mg/l Chloride,~~

~~about 90,000 to 95,000 mg/l Magnesium,~~

~~about 1,300 to 1,500 mg/l Potassium,~~

~~about 1,500 to 2,500 mg/l Sodium, and~~

~~about 11,000 to 12,000 mg/l Bromide;~~

a non-ionic solubilizer;

a hydrophobic active agent;

a gelling agent or viscosity modifier; and

deionized water to complete to 100%.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended). The gel composition according to claim ~~14~~ 1 wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: ~~tween-20~~ POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate,

~~oleth-20 polyethylene glycol ether of oleyl alcohol having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, tween-80 POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, eeteth-20 polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.~~

Claim 4 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant.

Claim 5 (currently amended). A clear gel composition comprising:

~~34.1~~ 30.0% to 80.0% w/w actual Dead Sea water having a total dissolved salt value between 25% and 40% and having an ion composition comprising:

~~about 36,000 to 40,000 mg/l Calcium,~~

~~about 320,000 to 370,000 mg/l Chloride,~~

~~about 90,000 to 95,000 mg/l Magnesium,~~

~~about 1,300 to 1,500 mg/l Potassium,~~

~~about 1,500 to 2,500 mg/l Sodium, and~~

~~about 11,000 to 12,000 mg/l Bromide;~~

0.2% to 4.0% w/w non-ionic solubilizer;

hydrophilic active agent in an amount greater than 0.0% but not to exceed 3.0%

w/w;

0.7% to 1.2% w/w gelling agent;

hydrophobic active agent in an amount greater than 0.0% but not to exceed 0.8%

w/w;

fragrance in an amount greater than 0.0% but not to exceed 0.4% w/w;

0.05% to 0.2% w/w antioxidant; and
deionized water to complete to 100%.

Claim 6 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 4 wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

Claims 7-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising a hydrophilic active agent.

Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended). The gel composition according to claim 9 1 wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The gel composition according to claim 10 wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants, α -hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan gum.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising a fragrance.

Claim 17 (previously presented). The gel composition according claim 16 wherein the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

Claim 18 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

Claim 19 (currently amended). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants, α -hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

Claim 20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan gum.

Claim 22 (previously presented). The gel composition according claim 5 wherein the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

Claim 23 (currently amended). The gel composition according to claim ~~20~~ 5 wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: ~~tween-20~~ POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate, ~~oleth-20~~ polyethylene glycol ether of oleyl alcohol having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, ~~tween-80~~ POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, ~~ceteth-20~~ polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

Claim 24 (previously presented). The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

Claim 25-31 (canceled).